Big Dams

2481. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the number of big dams approved by the Union Government during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): During the last three years only two projects namely Singur Irrigation Project in Andhra Pradesh and Narmada (Indirasagar) Project in Madhya Pradesh involving construction of dams have been given investment clearance.

Drought Assistance to U.P.

2482. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
SHRI ARJUN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULATURE be pleased to state:

(a) the drought assistance sought and released to Uttar Pradesh by the Union Government during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sought additional financial assistance during 1991-92; and

(c) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) During 1988-89, no memorandum was received from Govt. of Uttar Pradesh seeking assistance for drought relief. A ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 24.92 crores was approved for drought relief in the State during 1989-90.

Under the revised scheme for financing relief expenditure, in force from 1.4.90, an amount of Rs. 90.00 crores has been allocated to the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the State, for the year 1990-91 for meeting the expenditure on all natural calamities, including drought. During the year the State has reported an expenditure of Rs. 47.29 crores on natural calamities.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

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Irrigation Projects in Kerala

2483. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW:
SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present stage of Banasurasagar, Meenachil, Chamrevattam, Kurikarbutty and Vamanapuram Irrigation Projects in Kerala;

(b) the estimated cost and Irrigation potentialities of such projects;

(c) whether any external assistance is being received or likely to be received for the implementation of irrigation projects in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the names of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). A statement giving the estimated cost, ultimate irrigation potential and the status of appraisal is attached.

(c) and (d). At present no major and and medium irrigation project is receiving external assistance. Kerala minor irrigation project and Kerala Community Irrigation Project are in pipeline for European Economic Community and Dutch assistance respectively.